

# Akela Newsletter

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## School's Out, School's Out!!

Kids are shouting: "School's Out, School's Out". I can't believe it's already summer. Didn't we just have our Blue and Gold Banquet??

I'm sure in just a few days we will start hearing the popular phrase of summer: "I'M BORED!" I have a solution for you when you hear this phrase from your scout. Start looking in his new scout handbook and find items they can work on toward their new rank or check out the website and look at the [Sport](#) or [Academic](#) Belt Loops and Pins they can earn.

Our pack takes a little break during the summer by not having den or pack meetings. But we do have a couple of activities each month. If your scout attends at least one of these items each month, he will earn the Summertime Award. This month we march in the Schweizerfest Parade and conduct a Belt Loop afternoon.

At the end of July, the leaders will be getting together to plan out our next year of scouting. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gary Miller at [gary.scouts@charter.net](mailto:gary.scouts@charter.net).

Thanks to all the leaders and parents who helped with our scouting program this year. Take a short break, recharge, and get ready for a new scouting year starting in September.

## Pack Meeting Check In

Remember to come through the front door at the Pack Meeting and check in at the Welcome Table. Please have the boys sign in for their attendance. It is their responsibility to sign in, if their name is not on the list it will not be recorded in the system. We are still trying to get all the forms needed by the pack filled out by parents. Please check to see if you need to fill out anything. We are looking for medical forms, copies of insurance cards, vehicle form, photo release form, and the parent survey.

## Schweizerfest Parade



Our first summer event this year is the Schwiezerfest Parade on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Den 1 will be organizing this event for the pack. The theme this year is "Rock Bands" for the parade. **We will be building a float for the parade on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Dahm home (9 Primrose Lane) starting at 6:30 p.m. We need 2x4's, blue and yellow paint.** If you would like to help, please contact James Bursey, Ben Molitor, or Kelly Dahm.

## Upcoming Topics

- Pack Meeting Check In
- Schweizerfest Parade
- Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
- Calendar of Events
- Bicycling Belt Loop and Pin
- Highland Cub Scout Day Camp
- Summer Camps
- Meaning of the Cub Scout Law

## Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award



Cub Scouts at all levels from Tiger to Webelos can earn the Outdoor Activity Award. When the award is first earned, the scout receives the pocket flap award, worn on the right pocket flap of his uniform. In each additional year that he earns the award, a wolf track pin is attached to the flap. The Summertime Pack Award pin should be pinned through this patch just like the wolf track pins.

Successive years should build on skills and experiences from earlier years, having the scouts participate in more extensive activities.

### Requirements:

Scouts at all ranks must attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp in the current program year.

### Tiger Cubs

Complete one requirement in Achievement 5, 'Let's Go Outdoors' (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed below.

### Wolf Cub Scouts

Assemble the 'Six Essentials for Going Outdoors' (Wolf Handbook, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed below.

### Bear Cub Scouts

Earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award (Bear Handbook, Elective 25h) and complete five of the outdoor activities listed below.

### Webelos Scouts

Earn the Outdoorsman Activity Badge (Webelos Handbook) and complete six of the outdoor activities listed below.

### Outdoor Activities:

With your den, pack, or family:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.
6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
12. Participate in an outdoor Scout's Own or other worship service.
13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.

## Newsletter Comments or Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter, please email them to Gary Miller, [gary.scouts@charter.net](mailto:gary.scouts@charter.net).

### Contact Us

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[www.highlandpack43.org](http://www.highlandpack43.org)

## Pack Calendar of Events

### **June 2 – Pack Meeting, 7:00 PM, EVUCC**

Theme: Perseverance

Pre-pack activities start at 6:30 PM

### **June 11, 12 – Schweizerfest Parade**

### **June 17-19 – Highland Cub Scout Day Camp**

### **June 26 – Belt Loop Day, Spindler Park, 1:00 p.m.**

### **June 16 – Pack Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**

EVUCC Youth Room

## Bicycling Belt Loop and Pin

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.

### Requirements for the Bicycling Belt Loop

1. Explain the rules of safe bicycling to your den leader or adult partner.
2. Demonstrate how to wear the proper safety equipment for bicycling.
3. Show how to ride a bike safely. Ride for at least half an hour with an adult partner, family, or den.

### Requirements for the Bicycling Pin

Earn the Bicycling belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

1. Make a chart to record at least 10 hours of bicycling. (Required)
2. Participate in a pack, den, or community bike rodeo.
3. Demonstrate how to repair a flat tire on a bicycle.
4. Make a poster illustrating different types of early bikes and show it to your den.
5. Give a demonstration to your den or pack on the proper use of safety equipment and gear.
6. With the help of a parent or adult partner, register or reregister your bicycle.
7. Go on a "bicycle hike" with your family or den. Obey traffic rules related to bicycling.

8. Repair or restore a nonfunctioning bicycle to a safe condition. Include the installation of all proper safety devices.
9. Visit a bicycle race or exhibition.
10. Help set up a bike rodeo or bike competition for your pack.

When you are finished with the belt loop and pin, please inform your den leader so they can update the system.

## Highland Cub Scout Day Camp

Our council has many opportunities this summer for your scout to attend a camp. June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Day Camp in Highland at Silver Lake Park. The cost for the camp is \$62.50 per scout for the three day session which includes a t-shirt, cup, and craft materials. This camp will fulfill one of the requirements for the Outdoor Activity Award.

Volunteers are needed at the Day Camp for helping with the stations, registration, trading post, etc. If you volunteer for all three days, you can deduct \$25 from your scout's registration (one scout only per family). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gary Miller or Kelly Dahm as soon as possible. There will be a training day on June 4th for the camp in Highland.

We would like to see all our scouts attend one of the camps this summer!!

## SUMMER CAMPS

The Lewis and Clark Council are offering the following camps this summer:

### Fun With Son

Fun with Son is designed for the entire family to participate in the Cub Scout Camping experience, including siblings. Every Cub or Webelos Scout must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Siblings will be able to participate in all activities as age appropriate.

Camp Joy, June 10-12

Camp Vandeventer, July 8-10

Camp Warren Levis, July 29-31

Camp Warren Levis, August 5-7

### Prices:

\$90 per scout and parent

## Cub Scout Day Camps

Day Camp is for registered Cub Scouts entering 1st - 5th grades in Fall 2011. Packs must provide 1 adult for every 8 Scouts, with a minimum of 2 adults per pack. Incoming 1st graders must attend with their Adult Partner or Parent. No siblings or non-Scout youth are allowed.

Camp Warren Levis, June 7-9  
Camp Vandeventer, June 14-16  
O'Fallon Day Camp, June 15-17  
Highland Day Camp, June 17-19  
Bunker Hill Day Camp, June 21-23  
Camp Joy, June 28-30  
Edwardsville Day Camp, June 28-30  
Camp Vandeventer, July 12-14  
Belleville Day Camp, July 13-15  
Salem Day Camp, July 18-20

**Registration for Day Camp is by Unit Only  
Units must provide 2-deep leadership with a  
recommended ratio of 1 adult to every 8 Scouts.**

**Prices:**  
\$47.50 per scout  
**\$15.00 late fee after May 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you volunteer as a camp helper for all three days, you will receive \$25 off of one scout. A form must be filled out at the end of the camp and signed by the director to receive your credit.

## Cub Scout Resident Camps

**Activities:** Swimming, Hiking, Archery, Crafts, Campfires, Fishing, Sports, BB Guns, Advancement, and Webelos Outback

Camp Vandeventer, June 19-22  
Camp Vandeventer, June 22-25  
Camp Vandeventer, June 26-29  
Camp Vandeventer, June 29-July 2  
Camp Warren Levis, July 10-13  
Camp Warren Levis, July 13-16  
Camp Warren Levis, July 17-20  
Camp Warren Levis, July 20-23

**Registration for Day Camp is by Unit Only  
Units must provide 2-deep leadership with a  
recommended ratio of 1 adult to every 8 Scouts.**

**Prices:**  
\$120 per Scout  
**\$20 Late Fee after May 15**  
\$40 per Leader  
(Includes all meals, equipment, program, and staff.)

## Mom and Me

This campout is for Moms (or other adult female relative) and registered cub scouts only. No siblings or non-scout youth allowed.

Camp Warrant Levis, September 23-25

**Prices:**  
\$90 per scout and Mom  
**\$15 additional late fee if registered after August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**The council is recommending that you register for Mom and Me camp as soon as possible. It will sell out!!**

If you want to register for the Fun With Son camp or the Mom and Me camp, please go online at the council site: [www.lewisandclarkbsa.org](http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org)

**If you want to attend one of the Cub Scout Day Camps or Cub Scout Resident Camps, please contact your den leader if going as a den; otherwise, contact Gary Miller or Kelly Dahm to register as a pack.**



# The Law of the Pack

*The Cub Scout follows Akela.*

*The Cub Scout helps the pack go.*

*The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.*

*The Cub Scout gives goodwill.*

Just as the parts of the Cub Scout Promise have a meaning, each part of the Law of the Pack has a meaning.

## **The Cub Scout follows Akela**

Akela means "good leader." To a Cub Scout, Akela may be a parent, a teacher, a religious leader, a Cub Scout leader, or another guide. A Cub Scout should choose a good leader to follow.

## **The Cub Scout helps the pack go**

Your pack needs you to be a good member. A good member goes to all meetings, follows the leaders, and pitches in to make the pack better. Being a good member of the pack means doing your share, and sometimes a little more, to help the pack.

## **The pack helps the Cub Scout grow**

With the leaders and Cub Scouts all working together, the pack helps you grow into a better person. You will learn new things and new skills. You'll learn the right way to do the right things. And along the way, you will help others.

## **The Cub Scout gives goodwill**

Doing good things for others doesn't just make them happy. It also gives them the desire (or the "will") to do good things for others in turn. In this way, the good things you do for others make ripples that pass the goodwill from person to person. The spirit of helpfulness and good cheer spreads from you to others in your neighborhood.